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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 4, 2017

The Honorable Dan Patrick Lieutenant Governor of Texas Capitol Station PO Box 12068 Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution

Senate Bill (SB) 2252, as Filed by Senator Robert Nichols - Relating to granting road powers to the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 100; providing authority to issue bonds.

Dear Governor Patrick:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

This bill amends the Special District Local Laws Code, Section 8119, relating to the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 100 (District); the bill grants the District authority for road projects; and, the bill specifies that at the time of issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of real property in the District.

Sincerely,

Cari-Michel LaCaille, Director

Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee Senator Robert Nichols, Texas Senate

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TEXAS SENATE STATE OF TEXAS

SB 2252 Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas

SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

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TO: The Honorable President of the Senate

The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Governor of Texas

SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

By: Nichols S.B. No. 2252

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- AN ACT
- 2 relating to granting road powers to the Montgomery County Municipal
- 3 Utility District No. 100; providing authority to issue bonds.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 8119.002, Special District Local Laws
- 6 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 8119.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT; FINDINGS OF PUBLIC
- 8 PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (a) The district is created to serve a public
- 9 purpose and benefit [a municipal utility district in Montgomery
- 10 County created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of
- 11 Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution].
- 12 (b) The creation of the district is essential to accomplish
- 13 the purposes of:
- 14 (1) a municipal utility district as provided by
- 15 general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and
- 16 (2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that
- 17 relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation,
- 18 or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
- 19 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.
- 20 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 8119, Special District
- 21 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 8119.104 and
- 22 8119.105 to read as follows:
- Sec. 8119.104. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section
- 24 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design,

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- 1 acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate,
- 2 maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for
- 3 operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or
- 4 improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.
- 5 Sec. 8119.105. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road
- 6 project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and
- 7 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in
- 8 whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road
- 9 project is located.
- 10 (b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits
- 11 or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road
- 12 project must meet all applicable construction standards,
- 13 subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which
- 14 the road project is located.
- 15 (c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the
- 16 Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and
- 17 specifications of the road project.
- 18 SECTION 3. Chapter 8119, Special District Local Laws Code,
- 19 is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:
- 20 <u>SUBCHAPTER D. BONDS</u>
- 21 Sec. 8119.151. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of
- 22 issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations
- 23 <u>issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad</u>
- 24 valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the
- 25 <u>real property in the district.</u>
- SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
- 27 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this

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- 1 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
- 2 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
- 3 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
- 4 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
- 5 Government Code.
- 6 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
- 7 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
- 8 Environmental Quality.
- 9 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
- 10 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
- 11 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
- 12 representatives within the required time.
- 13 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
- 14 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
- $15\,$ to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
- 16 and accomplished.
- 17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 21 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-0321

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SPECIAL LEGISLATION GRANTING ROAD POWERS TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 100 AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 101

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 100 and Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 101 (the "Districts") were previously created by acts of the 79th Texas Legislature and the Districts are now seeking special legislation to obtain road powers;

WHEREAS, a portion of the Districts lies within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Willis, Texas (the "City); and

WHEREAS, the City is in support of such legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIS, TEXAS, as follows:

 $\underline{Section\ I} : \qquad \text{The\ City\ supports\ the\ passage\ of\ special\ legislation\ in\ the\ 85$^{th}\ Texas}$ Legislature granting road powers to the Districts.

Section 2: This Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 21 day of March, 2017.

Leonard Reed, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Larry Everster, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Marksa Quintanilla, City Secretary

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I.

On the 21 day of March, 2017, the City Council of the City of Willis, Texas (the "Council"), did convene in public session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall in Willis, Texas. The roll being first called, the following qualified members ("Council Members"), To-Wit:

Leonard Reed	Mayor
Tamara Young-Hector	Council Member
Thomas Luster	Council Member
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John F. Lovelady	Council Member
Thomas Belinoski	Council Member
Bill Van Alstyne	Council Member

A quorum was established, all members being present. The meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

II.

WHEREUPON, AMONG OTHER BUSINESS transacted, the Council considered adoption of the following written Resolution, to-wit:

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SPECIAL LEGISLATION GRANTING ROAD POWERS TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 100 AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 101

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Upon motion by Council Member Thomas Belinoski, seconded by Council Member Thomas Luster, all members present voted for the adoption of the Resolution, except the following: None. A majority of those Council Members present having voted for adoption, the presiding officer declared the Resolution passed and adopted.

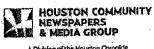
IV.

A true, full and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at the meeting is attached to and follows this Certificate.

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SIGNED AND SEALED this 21 day of March, 2017.

Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY**

Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State.

Jennifer Breitenbach, Representative for Brenda Miller-Ferguson, General Manager and Publisher of The Conroe Courler a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Montgomery, State of Texas.

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For construction contracts \$50,000 and over but less than \$250,000, the bidder shall submit a certified or cashier's check on a responsible bank in the State equal to two percent (2%) of the maximum total bid amount. For construction contracts over \$250,000, the bidder shall submit either a 2% certified or cashier's check or a five percent (3%) bid bond of the maximum total bid amount. Make the cashier's check or bid bonds payable to the Owner.

There will be a pre-bid conference in the offices of Jo Inc., 8701 New Trails Drive, Suite 200, The Woodlands, 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2017, Attendance is not ma

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 days from the date bids are open.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE A BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given of the intention to introduce in the Regular Ses sion of the 85th Legislature of Texas a bill relating to the powers and duties of Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 100. The gener al substance of the law is as follows: AN ACT relating to the powers and duties of Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 100: containing other provisions related to the subject; and finding that notice of the introduction of the bill has been given. LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

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You may submit not later than the thirtieth (30th) day are this notice has served or through publication, a written request for a hearing to the County Commissioner of the Precinct in which any part of the property exists. The request should contain the name and address of the person to be notified of the date and time of hearing. All such scheduled hearing, you may appear and present evidence, examine witnesses, and argue on owners behalf. A hearing request does no prevent the filing of a civil suit or criminal prosecution.

Scott Nichols, Director Montgomery County Environmental Health 501 North Thompson, Suite 101 Conroe, Texas 77301 (936) 539-7839

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INVITATION TO BID

Seated bids in duplicate addressed to Friendswood Development Company on behalf of Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 148 w. Il be received in the offices of Jones and Carter, Inc., 870 Inc. War Trails Dive, Suite 200, The Woodlands, Texas 77381, until Corp. Inc., Thursday March 9, 2017, and then publicly opened and read for the single all plant is abort, material and equipment and performing all orders required for the construction of: Water, Sanitary and Drainage Facilities for Ladera Creek Section 3 for Friendswood Development Company on behalf of Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 148.

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specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civc.com. Said documents may be examined without charge in the of Jones and Carter, Inc. Construction Division, 8701 New Trails Suite 200, The Woodlands, Texas 77381.

There will be a pre-bid conference in the offices of Jones and Inc., 8701 New Tralls Drive, Suite 200, The Woodlands, Texas 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2017, Attendance is not mandatory

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 days from the date bids are open. CC 2/23, 3/2/17

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